



## **THE DAUGHTERS FOR LIFE FOUNDATION**

Addressed to you with respect,

We are pleased to announce the 2015 Daughters for Life Foundation Awards for female students at your reputable academic institution. These awards will be given to female students currently enrolled in accredited academic programs in the Middle East who have overcome hardship, demonstrated academic achievements, and made an outstanding contribution to improving the lives of girls and young women in the Middle East.

The Daughters for Life Foundation is a registered Canadian charitable organization dedicated to advancing the education and health of girls and women in the Middle East. It is founded in memory of my three daughters, Bessan, Mayar and Aya, who were killed on January 16, 2009, when an Israeli tank shelled our home. The foundation honours their memory and seeks to perpetuate their love of life and learning and their hopes and dreams for an educated future.

We will make awards available to female students in 2015 who will be enrolled in any program at your university for the upcoming 2016-2017 academic year. At your university, we intend to make an award of \$1000 USD each, together with a certificate and plaque for each award winner. We will also provide a plaque to the University for listing the award winner(s). We would ask you to submit names you consider suitable to be nominees for these awards to our awards committee as soon as possible.

The criteria for these awards include demonstrated academic excellence, creativity, compassion, a developed sense of humanity, devotion to improving the circumstances of girls and women, and most importantly, the overcoming of adversity and hardship.

Your support to make this dream a reality, to bring our beloved girls honour and to make their memory eternal is greatly appreciated. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours truly,

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